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4. The method of claim 1 wherein said compound binds to a cis-acting regulatory sequence of said AFABP, wherein said sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:8.

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8. The method of claim 7, wherein said antisense nucleic acid molecule comprises at least 10 nucleotides ~~the sequence of which is complementary to an mRNA encoding an AFABP polypeptide, said AFABP polypeptide being encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2~~.

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12. A method of inhibiting differentiation of a macrophage into a foam cell, comprising contacting said macrophage with an inhibitor of AFABP expression, wherein said AFABP comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and wherein a reduction in AFABP expression inhibits differentiation of a macrophage into a foam cell.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 13-23 were canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The amendment of claims 1, 2, and 12 is supported by disclosure at page 12, lines 10-13, of the specification. The amendment of claim 4 is supported by disclosure at page 15, lines 15-29, of the specification. The amendment of claim 8 is supported by disclosure at page 8, line 24, to page 9, line 4, of the specification.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.